Proposal for merger of MECON and SAIL

2316. SHRI PARVATHANENI UP-ENDRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for the merger of State owned Metallurgical and Engineering Consultants (India) Ltd. with the Steel Authority of India Ltd.;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this merger of the two large undertakings ig likely to increase the efficiency and productivity of MECON and SAIL; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR); (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Widening of Shahadara-Loni Road

2317. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question H68 given in the Rajya Sabha on 6th March, 1987 and state;

(a) whether any progress has since been made in awarding the contract to any party for widening the Shahadara-Loni Road, Delhi so far;

(b) if so, whether the N.I.T has been finalised by the competent authority;

(c) whether the contract has since been awarded and if so, the details of the party to whom it hag been awarded; and

(d) by when the task of widening the road is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVE-LOPMET (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) Tenders were invited after finalisation of NIT by the competent autnority. Offers have been received from 14 contractors. The case for approval of the rate and agency of the lowest tenderer has been processed. The work of widening the road will be completed within an years' time after the award of the same to the contractor.

Commissioning of Meridian Hotel and Hotel Bharat

2318. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJ-PAYEE:

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA;

Will the Minister of URBAN DE-VELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some facilites were granted to Meridian Hotel and Hotel Bharat of New Delhi, on the understanding that they would be completed and commissioned in time to meet the ASIAD Games requirements, but that they failed to do so;

(b) whether it is a fact that even then moratorium facility has been "ited to them for delayed payment of land-rent and interest of more than Rs. 17.86 crore,3 and Rs. 7.23 crores respectively;

(c) what are the names of other concerns to whom moratorium of the same magnitude and period has been granted; and

(d) what are the details of the facilities, mentioned in part (a) above granted to them and how much benefit they meant to each of them in terms of money?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH: (a) Tlie two hotel sites were allotted by Government to the NDMC but